THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A National Workshop of Voluntary Organisations was held at New Delhi in January, 1988 to consider the role of voluntary organisations in health care delivery. This Workshop continued its deliberations through a Working Group of Experts. Government have not so far set up any Expert Group or received the final recommendations of the workshop.

Bachawat Tribunal Award

3050. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bachawat Award given by the Tribunal regarding the sharing of the Krishna waters by the concerned State Government is final and binding on all the States concerned;

(b) the name of the agency responsible to enforce the terms and conditions of the Award and whether the Government of India have to consider the proposals received by the different State Governments in the Krishna basin area within the framework of the Award or whether the Government of India are at liberty to go beyond the limits of the Award for clearing the Projects received from the States concerned; and

(c) if so, what is the legal effect of such clearance by the Central Government on the rights of the States concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The decision of the tribunal is final and binding on the parties to the dispute and should be given effect to by them. The aspect of water availability in any proposed project is examined within the frame-work of the award of the tribunal.

(c) Does not arise.

Telugu Ganga Irrigation Project

3051. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telugu Ganga Irrigation Project has been prepared and submitted to the Government of India within the framework of the Bachawat Award; and

(b) if so, whether the Government of India are obliged to clear this project even if it is not prepared in conformity with the terms and conditions of the Award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Governments of Karnataka and Maharashtra have raised the issue that the Telugu Ganga Project as formulated by Andhra Pradesh is not in conformity with the award of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal. The clearance of the project also depends on establishing the water availability for the project in terms of the Tribunal's order.

Rare Earth Plant at Sathankulam

3052. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage in the implementation of a Rare Earth Plant at Sathankullam in V. O. E. District of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the plant at Sathankulam is planned to manufacture the finished products such as oxides and salts of the rare earths which would be a better Foreign exchange earner; and

(c) whether Government have received any application for letters of intent from the Private Sector to set up modern factories utilising the rare earth of the Jirunelveti and Kanyakumari Coasts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for setting up a Rare Earth Plant at Sathankulam in VOC District of Tamil Nadu. Indian Rare